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Letter dated 5 January 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the announcement of the Albanian Telegraphic Agency on the Special Meeting of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania held on the evening of 1 January.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly, under the items entitled "Development and strengthening of good-neighbourliness between States" and "Peaceful settlement of disputes between States" and of the first regular session of the Economic and Social Council under the item entitled "Human rights questions", and brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights.

(Signed) Genc MLLOJA
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Announcement of the Albanian Telegraphic Agency issued at Tirana on 2 January 1991 on the Special Meeting of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers

A special meeting of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers presided by comrade Adil Carcani was conducted on the evening of 1 January. This meeting, which was attended also by some members of the Government, examined the situation created recently in the Albanian-Greek border in Saranda district, which is crossed illegally by an undefined number of citizens, the majority of whom are members of the Greek minority in Albania. Among those who have crossed the border, there are many persons who are long since equipped with regular passports, but who have not yet been able to receive the visa from the Greek embassy at Tirana.

The meeting underlined that the People's Socialist Republic of Albania has not incited and does not incite the depature of its citizens from their country, as claimed by certain circles. The Albania Government has shown special care and attention to the equal development of the Greek minority with their Albanian brothers in Albania. It observes the international norms and the Albanian legislation guarantees the right to move abroad to every person who wishes such a thing. Hence, there is no reason for crossing the border illegally.

The meeting of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers underlined that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania is in contact with the Foreign Ministry of the Hellenic Republic to avoid such an abnormal situation.

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers decided on the creation of a governmental team to examine the situation closely.